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1. Transmittal Letter (1 Page), in duplicate
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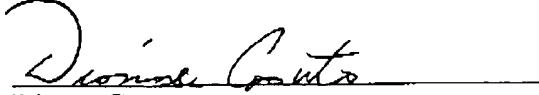
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The present response follows an Office Action, mailed July 7, 2003, in the above-identified application. Applicants provide authorization, in the Transmittal Letter submitted herewith, to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount necessary to cover any fees due under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), such authorization constitutes a constructive petition for a two (2) month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is filed timely.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the application to four (4) designated inventions, namely the inventions of Group I (Claims 16-23, drawn to a first method of designing a target binding ligand, Group II (Claims 24-31, drawn to a second method of designing a target binding ligand), Group III (Claims 32-35, drawn to method of crystallizing a protein) and Group IV (Claims 36-44, drawn to a screening method for target binding ligands). Applicants hereby elect the invention designated as Group IV, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

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